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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

IN RE MATTER OF:)
RICHARD KADREY, et al.,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) C.A. NO.:
META PLATFORMS, INC.,) 3:23-cv-03417-VC
Defendant.)

)

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1 THE WITNESS: I don't know if it's true.

2 Q. (By Ms. Geman) You don't know if it's true
3 that there are Meta documents that say that or you
4 don't know if it's true that the book datasets, in
5 fact, are among the most valuable?

6 MR. WEINSTEIN: Same objection.

7 THE WITNESS: The latter.

8 Q. (By Ms. Geman) Okay.

9 So you do know that some -- Meta has
10 said -- Meta personnel have made that assertion;
11 correct?

12 A. No.

13 Q. You're saying they haven't made it or
14 you're just not aware one way or the other?

15 MR. WEINSTEIN: Object to form.

16 THE WITNESS: I'm not aware.

17 Q. (By Ms. Geman) And why is training on long
18 text important?19 A. So large language models have -- it's
20 called a context window which is the number of words
21 or token technically that it can use to predict the
22 next words in the text, and current models like

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1 LLaMA 3 have a context window of 128,000 tokens
2 which is on the order of a hundred thousand words,
3 roughly.

4 And so to take full advantage of the
5 redundancy in the text, you have to have texts that
6 are at least that long. They can be from multiple
7 authors on the same topic.

8 Q. And why is context window important?

9 A. Well, the context window is -- in current
10 LLMs, the context window is basically the only
11 memory the system has; working memory, I would say.
12 It has memory in the weights, but the sort of
13 working memory is the context.

14 Q. And LLaMA cannot go beyond its pre-training
15 context window; is that correct?

16 A. It's -- it's hard-wired in the architecture
17 so it's 128,000 --

18 (Stenographer clarification.)

19 THE WITNESS: -- for LLaMA 3 and I believe
20 for LLaMA 1 it was 32,000, if I remember correctly.

21 Q. (By Ms. Geman) Is the desire to keep
22 increasing the context window?

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1 blueprint mean training on sort of massive amounts
2 of data to -- or sort of training on bigger and
3 bigger sets of data without kind of looking more at
4 the relationship between the nodes?

5 A. No. The blueprint refers to the
6 autoregressive LLM architecture.

7 Q. Okay.

8 Which aspect of the architecture?

9 A. Well, the fact that the way an LLM is
10 trained is, you -- you build a neural network, a
11 deep-learning system, particularly -- particularly
12 architecture called a transformer, but that's
13 actually irrelevant to the point.

14 You -- you give it a piece of text and then
15 you train it to just reproduce the text on its
16 output, but it can only look at words that are to
17 the left of a particular word it's trying to
18 predict. And so in the end, what the system can do,
19 is given a segment of text, it can produce a guess
20 as to what the next word in that text is going to
21 be. In fact, it cannot exactly predict what word
22 comes next so it's going to produce a --

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